

the Santa Fe, Oregon, and the California trails. The town was also home to the headquarters of the trade firm of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, the founders of the Pony Express. Historic homes dot the town, including Linwood Lawn. The manor was described as "the largest and most palatial home west of St. Louis" by the local newspaper when it was constructed in 1859. Today, after refurbishment, it is still a shining example of a historic, antebellum home. The rich history of Lexington is something its citizens are proud of and uphold. Indeed, history such as this is important at demonstrating the narrative of the town and our nation.

Lexington has been home to various academic institutes over time. Throughout the 1800s, multiple institutions for women were opened: including the Elizabeth Aull Seminary, Lexington Ladies' College, and Central College. In 1880, Wentworth Military Academy opened its doors, and throughout its operation, welcomed students from around the world. Wentworth became one of the oldest operating military academies west of the Mississippi River and remained open until 2017. Throughout its history, Wentworth produced many celebrated alumni, including the late Congressman Ike Skelton and two Medal of Honor recipients. Meanwhile, the Lexington School District continues to provide students with ample opportunities to succeed in academics, fine arts, and athletics.

The city is home to industry and scenery that best exemplify our state and what it means to be a Missourian. From Lexington's blufftop view of the Missouri River to the surrounding farmland, one can see the lush beauty that defines the area. Lexington's surrounding farms, orchards, and vineyards offer bountiful harvests every year. And with over one hundred businesses in town, its economic activity is as fervent as ever.

This historic town has been an important part of our nation's narrative; home to hard-working, genuine people that exemplify the best of Missouri. For two hundred years, Lexington has demonstrated the spirit of Missouri and America. Madam Speaker, please join me and my constituency in honoring Lexington for two hundred years of community and success, and in wishing them great prosperity in the future.

#### HONORING AL MONTNA OF DUCKS UNLIMITED

#### HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Al Montna, a true champion of conservation in Northern California. Al's involvement with Ducks Unlimited began in the early 1960s when his natural love for waterfowl hunting drew him to the organization. Like many avid waterfowl hunters, Al realized early on that his passion could only be preserved and shared with future generations through conservation.

Al began restoring the intricate web of wetlands and uplands that North America's migratory birds rely on each year to fulfill their life cycle needs. Al continually improves the wildlife habitat on his own farm, transforming

Montna Farms every fall and winter into a migratory bird wonderland. If you've traveled on highway 99 just outside of Yuba City between November and January, chances are, you've witnessed dozens of cars pulled over on the side of the road, with passengers leaning out the window using binoculars and cameras to glimpse the tens of thousands of waterfowl swarming around his rice fields. Thanks to dedicated conservationists like Al, people will be able to enjoy the wildlife of this region for years to come.

As is the case with most family farms, and certainly with Montna Farms, Al has been blessed with a family that has a shared vision for what it means to be good stewards of the land. His two daughters, Nicole Montna Van Fleck and Michelle Montna Vogt share the family's passion for the environment and being stewards of a more sustainable world. Today, they have begun to pass that same passion to Al's six grandchildren. And of course, none of these achievements would have been possible without Gail Montna, Al's wife and partner for 55 years. Gail's grace and shared love of wildlife shines through all of Montna Farms; past, present and future.

As a third generation Central Valley farmer, Al's commitment to the land as well as the people and wildlife that depend on it is unmatched. As the Bible tells us in Luke 12:48, To those much is given, much will be required. The responsibility to give back to his community has been the forefront of Al's mission since it began nearly 60 years ago. Now, after many decades of committed volunteer service to conservation, Al is retiring as the Senior Vice President for Public Policy at Ducks Unlimited—a role he took over in 2017. Al's professional endeavors, awards, successes, innovations and accomplishments are far too numerous to list here. However, Al's greatest achievement is his role as a steward for America's wetlands and waterfowl resources, and that legacy will endure for generations to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID DICKSON

#### HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Dickson. Utah lost a wonderful father and a man of faith. David was just forty-two years old when he died late last month due to medical complications, and he leaves behind his eight children. As a single father, David devoted his life to ensuring his children could have full and prosperous lives.

Born and raised in Ogden, Utah, David was a man of the community. He graduated from Ogden High School and Weber State University—both of which I also attended. His life took him from Utah to Arizona to Idaho, where his family resides to this day. Despite difficulty in his most recent years, David was resolute in his determination to provide a bright future for his children and family.

David's eight children are between the ages of seven and eighteen years old. He was a devoted father who loved his children deeply. David will be dearly missed, and our community will continue to lift his family up in prayer.

#### REMEMBERING HORTON ALEXANDER "COTTON" ROSSER

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Horton Alexander "Cotton" Rosser. Passing away at the age of 93, Mr. Rosser leaves behind an indelible legacy in the rodeo world as a champion saddle bronc rider and owner of Flying U Rodeo Company, the oldest rodeo livestock company in the United States.

In the 1950s, he made a name for himself in the rodeo world as a champion saddle bronc rider, including a prominent victory at the Reno Rodeo in 1950. Unfortunately, his competitive rodeo career abruptly ended in 1956 when a ranch accident left him with two broken legs.

However, Mr. Rosser remained an integral part of the rodeo world as the country's premier rodeo rancher. In 1956, he bought the Flying U Rodeo Company, supplying rodeo animals and livestock. Over several decades, Mr. Rosser and his family built Flying U, based in Marysville, California, into one of the most successful stock contracting firms in professional rodeo.

In addition to stock contracting, Flying U produced around 50 rodeos annually; Mr. Rosser and his company became known for their outstanding rodeo productions. The showmanship of his rodeo opening ceremonies presented at the National Finals Rodeo, the Houston Livestock Show, and the Grand National Rodeo in San Francisco raised the profile of the sport.

Mr. Rosser was inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in 1995 and honored with a half-sized bronze statue in front of the Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center commissioned by past presidents of the Reno Rodeo Association. The statue remains a lasting tribute to Mr. Rosser's work as a longtime rodeo producer. In the same year, he became the first-ever Triple Crown winner at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The Western Fairs Association inducted Mr. Rosser into their Hall of Fame in 2014 for his incredible work supporting the fair industry. In 2015, Mr. Rosser received the PRCA Donita Barnes Contract Personnel Lifetime Achievement Award.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Rosser's loved ones. I know that they, along with the rodeo community, join me in celebrating his life and legacy.

#### HONORING OFFICER ORLANDO BOLDEN

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable police officer, Orlando Bolden.

Officer Bolden is a native of Grenada, MS. He began his career with the Grenada County Sheriff's Department as a reserve deputy. He then moved to Duck Hill and worked for the Duck Hill Police Department.